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Project Summary

The goal of this project is to rapidly and efficiently meet the emergency needs of conflict-affected households by prepositioning non-food-item (NFI) kits and increasing food security and household resiliency. This project will quickly distribute NFI kits in emergency situations to help conflict-affected populations cope with displacement and loss. The kits will include standard NFIs to assist households trying to recover from material loss. The project activities will also increase food security by improving livelihood capacity through increased and diversified agricultural production and limited livestock distribution.

Project Summary

Sector 1: Logistics Support and Relief Commodities

Objective: To efficiently and rapidly respond to the needs of conflict-affected populations in Eastern Congo by strategically prepositioning NFI kits for distribution.

Number of Beneficiaries Targeted: 3,000 households (HHs), 18,000 beneficiaries

Beneficiaries Reached: To date, Samaritan's Purse (SP) has reached 3,244 households with 18,943 beneficiaries.

Sector 2: Agriculture and Food Security

Objective: To improve livelihood capacity through increased and diversified agricultural production.

Number of Beneficiaries Targeted: 4,950 households; 29,700 beneficiaries

Beneficiaries Reached: 5,129 households; 28,393

Because there has been varying attendance and involvement in agricultural program activities due to sickness or other personal reasons for dropout, SP has added 34 extra HHs, bringing the total HHs reached up to 3,034 HHs. This quarter, the Agricultural Training Group (ATG) attendance rate has been 83%. Of the 1,869 Nutritional Demonstration Garden (NDG) HHs participating in the program, 60% of HHs have attended monthly trainings. For the 226 HHs benefitting from livestock, 100% have completed construction of goat shelters and have received goats and animal-husbandry training. Each of the 721 goats distributed was fully vaccinated before distribution.

Accomplishments

Sector 1: Logistics Support and Relief Commodities

The NFI-project activities have now been completed after distributing the remaining 1,284 kits in Bwanasura. The vulnerability survey identified more vulnerable HHs than kits available to be distributed, but the NFI team was able to distribute 18 extra kits provided by UNICEF. This quarter the combined 1,302 kits provided assistance to 7,183 beneficiaries.

Sector 2: Agriculture and Food Security

SP staff provide monthly training to agricultural beneficiaries, including hands-on participatory training in the field. SP has developed locally appropriate curriculum adapted to the culture and context of each of the two regions where agricultural activities have been taking place: Faradje/Aba and Mambasa. The following topics have been covered with beneficiaries during the last quarter: transplanting, plant care, integrated pest management, choosing and preparing land for staple crops, maintenance and protection of crops, cultivation techniques, harvesting, and fundamental principles for good vegetable

production. Goat beneficiaries have been trained on selecting quality goats, conditions for good goat reproduction, and prevention and management of internal and external parasites. Beneficiaries took the initiative to build goat shelters using environmentally sustainable designs that were selected based on locally available materials. Each design was chosen to provide quality shelter for the goats, as well as providing easy access for regular cleaning and maintenance. 561 goats have been distributed this quarter, completing all distribution and vaccination activities for livestock.

Apart from the routine follow-up visits and trainings for ATGs, NDGs, and goat beneficiaries, all planned distribution activities to date are completed. Through direct distribution and seed fairs, SP provided a total of 60,279 kg of seeds for ATGs. SP also distributed seeds to NDGs, which have already begun harvesting vegetables. Samaritan's Purse staff will continue to provide follow-up visits to goat beneficiaries to ensure proper care and to facilitate hands-on training for livestock husbandry.

Issues and Concerns

Sector 1: Logistics Support and Relief Commodities

The SP NFI team did not encounter any additional issues or concerns this quarter. Project activities for the NFI sector have already been completed, although activities for the final evaluation are ongoing through the end of the project. One lesson learned from NFI programming this quarter is that transportation continues to be a challenge, especially to reach the most vulnerable people in the remote villages where SP intervenes. In order to improve project effectiveness and ensure quality outcomes, as well as enable better monitoring, it would be beneficial for the NFI team to purchase several motorcycles to avoid having to rent and repair poor-quality motorcycles found in remote villages.

Sector 2: Agriculture and Food Security

Samaritan's Purse has worked to address the lower-than-expected attendance rates for NDGs through partnering with communities to obtain plots for beneficiaries at the HH level, as well as distributing additional tools to gardens with a greater number of beneficiaries. SP has also increased sensitization efforts through radio announcements and by word of mouth. Although some NDGs have suffered from lower attendance, others have flourished and are already reaping large harvests of vegetables. In the future, SP will explore the strategy of dividing NDGs into individual plots to increase the sense of ownership and responsibility of each HH involved.

Plan for Next Quarter

Sector 1: Logistics Support and Relief Commodities

Since this sector has been completed, no further activities, apart from final evaluations, are planned.

Sector 2: Agriculture and Food Security

Samaritan's Purse staff will continue regular training on animal husbandry, improved agricultural techniques, and nutrition for all beneficiaries. Staff will also help with the beginning stages of harvest. The final evaluation will also take place next quarter.

Performance Indicators:

Sector 1: Logistics Support and Relief Commodities

Indicator	Projected Total	2 nd Quarter 2014
Total number, and per-item USD cost, of NFIs distributed, by type	Plastic Tarps: 3,000 Nylon Cord Pieces: 3,000 Blankets: 9,000 Kitchen, Hygiene and Household Kits: 1,500 Water Containers: 3,000	1,284 Tarps: \$57,094.73 1,284 Cords: \$642 3,852 Blankets: \$18,845.95 1,284 Kits: \$82,150.32 2,391 Containers: \$18,000
Total number, and per-item USD value, of cash/vouchers distributed for NFIs, by type	Cash/vouchers distributed for NFIs value: 57 USD per beneficiary X 1,500 beneficiaries = \$85,500 USD	0
Total number of people receiving NFIs, by sex	Total: 18,000 -Female: 15,300 -Male: 2,700	7,183
Total USD cost of transport, by type	Total: \$64,500 -Overland transport—NFI distributions: \$34,000 -Ocean freight—NFI supplies: \$20,000 -Cross-border land transport—NFI supplies: \$10,500 -Air transport: \$60,870	Total: \$18,197.76 Land: \$5,058.50 Ocean: \$0 Cross-Border: \$0 Air: \$13,139.26
Total number of flights/trips provided, by type	International USA-DRC trips: 7 International Entebbe-DRC trips: 19.8 Domestic flights: 24	USA: 4 EBB: 1 Domestic: 10
Number of people transported, by transport type	International USA-DRC for people: 7 International Entebbe-DRC for people: 19.8 Domestic flights for people: Estimated 132	USA: 4 EBB: 1 Domestic: 21
Total kilograms of commodities transported by truck.	NFI kg transported domestically: 25,000 kg	34,821 kg

Sector 2: Agriculture and Food Security

Indicator	Projected Total	2 nd Quarter 2014
Projected increase in number of months of food self-sufficiency due to seed-system activities/agricultural inputs for beneficiary households.	Increase of 5 months food self-sufficiency	2.6 months increase from baseline survey
Number of people benefiting from seed-systems/agricultural input activities.	28,500	27,257

Number of people benefiting from training on agricultural techniques and basic nutrition.	10,500	6,542
Number of animals benefiting from, or affected by, livestock activities.	640 goats	561 goats
Number of people benefiting from livestock activities, also shown by sex.	1,000 (600 female, 400 male)	1,136 (576 female, 560 male)
Number of veterinary interventions (e.g., treatments, vaccinations, etc.).	640 vaccinations	877 vaccinations
Number of animals treated.	640 goats	561 goats